

Crystal Cave tours rock!

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1½ hours before the tour. Tours may sell out. See information on traffic delays & length-limit restrictions on page 12.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree. Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on this road. See page 12 map for details.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes; the ½-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep. Bring a jacket; it's 50°F (10°C) inside. No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask SNHA about group reservations and Wild Cave Tours: 1-559-565-3759.



Learn how these curtains of stone formed!

• 45-minute Cave Tours daily

Through 9/6: Every ½ hour — Weekdays 10:30am- 4:30pm; Saturdays & Labor Day weekend (9/4-6) 10am-5pm; Sundays 10:30am- 5pm.

9/7 - 9/19: Weekdays 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm; weekends on the hour 11am- 4pm.

9/20 - 10/24 (weather permitting): On the hour — Saturdays 11am- 3pm & Sundays 11am- 2pm. Weekdays 11am, 1pm, 2pm.

Fees: Age 5-12 \$6.50; age 13-61 \$13; under 5 free; age 62 & up and Golden Access passholders \$12. National Park, Interagency, and Golden Age passes do not apply. SNHA members get a discount!

• 1½-hour Discovery Tours through 9/3

Weekdays only, starting at 4:15pm. Enjoy a more in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: \$20 each (SNHA members \$18).

• 1½-hour Historic Candle-Light Cave Tours through 9/25

Thursday-Friday at 5:30 pm; Saturday-Sunday 6pm. Limited to 15 people, ages 12 and up. Experience Crystal Cave in a different light. Explore using candle lanterns and see Crystal Cave as its discoverers did! Fee: \$20 each (SNHA members \$18).

Activities

FREE WALKS & TALKS: Ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, the Foothills, Cedar Grove, and Mineral King. See pages 8-9 or check bulletin boards and visitor centers for details and schedules.

VISITOR CENTERS & STORES:

Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8-9 for details.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

FREE for all ages: Earn a badge while protecting resources. If you are 5 to 8 years old, work for the Jay Award. Those 9 to 12 years old earn a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Get a free Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center, follow the instructions and have fun!

TEACHERS - BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS! Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date: 1-559-565-4303.

WHERE CAN I...

Your visit may include both a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know which one you are in (see page 12)!

• **WALK A PET:** *In the Parks:* Not on any trails but it's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). *In the National Forest:* Pets can go on trails. *In both areas:* Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Never leave pets in cars as they overheat quickly.

• **RIDE BICYCLES:** *In the Parks:* Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). *In the National Forest:* Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. *In both areas:* Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses.

People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

• **COLLECT THINGS:** *Not in Parks:* Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. *In the National Forest:* Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. *In both areas:* Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.

• **HUNT:** *Not in the Parks.* Visitors are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. *In the National Forest:* Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.

• **GO CAMPING:** *In the Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In the National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• **DRIVE OFF-ROAD:** *Not in the*

parks. Stay on roads. In the National Forest: Off-highway-vehicle (OHV) routes available. Get specific information at USFS Hume Lake office (in Dunlap on Hwy 180) or Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove).

• **GO PICNICKING:** See picnic symbols on back-page map. *Due to bears, never leave food unattended!* Most sites have tables, restrooms and fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills and Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, and Crescent Meadow.

• **HAVE A FIRE:** *Restrictions change; always check first. In the Parks:* Below 6000 feet: No wood or barbecue fires, including in picnic areas and wilderness areas; ok in designated campgrounds only. Gas or propane stoves may be used at all elevations. No smoking except in developed areas, campgrounds, or enclosed vehicles. Above 6000 feet: Only in fire grills in campgrounds and some picnic areas, and in

wilderness. In the National Forest: Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Get permits at visitor center in Grant Grove or USFS in Dunlap.

• **CUT WOOD:** *Not in the Parks. In the National Forest:* Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit and guidelines: 559-338-2251.

• **GO FISHING:** *In both areas:* Permitted during fishing season. California fishing licenses are required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

• **RIDE HORSEBACK**
Hourly rides, backcountry spot trips or guided trips. Fall closing dates depend on weather.

- **Cedar Grove**
1-559-565-3464 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season
- **Grant Grove**
1-559-335-9292 summer
1-559-799-7247 off season
- **Horse Corral**
at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest
1-559-565-3404 summer
1-559-564-6429 off season
1-559-679-3573 cell